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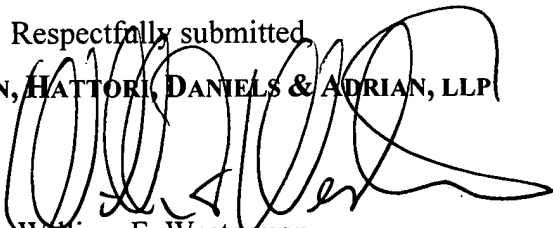
The undersigned attorney requests the status of the above-identified application.

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